

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING

VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

**TN09148-AC**

VIOLATOR

Shannon Nesius

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

3893 Indian Trail  
Destin, FL 32541

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal law:

**Date of Violation: June 6, 2009**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2) – Unlawful acts**

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

**9 C.F.R. § 11.3 – Scar rule**

“The scar rule applies to all horses born on or after October 1, 1975. Horses subject to this rule that do not meet the...scar rule criteria shall be considered to be “sore” and are subject to all prohibitions of...the Act.”

Shannon Nesius allowed the entry for the purpose of showing the horse, “FDR,” in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual National Walking Horse Trainers Show in Shelbyville, TN, which was found sore and in violation of the scar rule.

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Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

Dr. Chester A. Gipson

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**15 U.S.C. § 1824(7) – Unlawful Acts**

“The showing or exhibiting at a horse show or horse exhibition; the selling or auctioning at a horse sale or auction; the allowing to be shown, exhibited, or sold at a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction; the entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition; or offering for sale at a horse sale or auction, any horse which is wearing or bearing any equipment, device, paraphernalia, or substance which the Secretary by regulation under Section 1828 of this title prohibits to prevent the soring of horses.”

**9 C.F.R. § 11.2(c) Prohibition concerning exhibitors – Substances**

“c) Substances. All substances are prohibited on the extremities above the hoof of any Tennessee Walking Horse or racking horse while being shown, exhibited, or offered for sale at any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, except lubricants such as glycerine, petrolatum, and mineral oil, or mixtures thereof....”

Shannon Nesius allowed the entry for the purpose of showing the horse, “FDR,” in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual National Walking Horse Trainers Show in Shelbyville, TN, which tested positive for sulfur, isopropyl palmitate and multiple hydrocarbons.